

NEWS BRIEFS

CAIB meeting

A community action information board meeting is at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbus Club. The meeting is open to the public and chaired by the wing commander. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Commander's call

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander's call is at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the theater. The briefings are mandatory.

Greeting card contest

A holiday greeting card contest for Columbus AFB will be judged Thursday. All units and organizations must be registered at the skills development center by today. Entries must be constructed of one or two sheets of 4-foot by 8-foot plywood decorated with a greeting. Plywood is provided. The greetings must be set up by Wednesday, and they must be taken down by Jan. 3. Money is awarded to the top three greetings to use toward a unit function at a services activity. For more information or rules, call 7856.

Records freeze

The National Archives and Records Administration has imposed a nationwide freeze on the destruction of all Department of Air Force records. Please ensure that no official records in your possession, custody or control, to include office holdings, are destroyed. For more information, call Katrina Watkins at Ext. 7301.

Civil engineers rack up awards

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron recently received three Air Education and Training Command awards. The fire department, housing and environmental flight were recognized for their accomplishments in 2003.

The fire department was acknowledged as the Best Fire Department Flight in AETC. "This is the first time in Columbus AFB history that we have been named 'Best in Command,'" said Ricky Allen, fire department chief. "I wasn't surprised because this fire department is without a doubt 'high speed, low drag.' I am extremely proud of all the firefighters."

The department implemented proactive, anti-fire campaigns, which helped them receive the AETC Geico award, and the program currently holds the top spot for zero fire loss for more than a 48-month period. The housing flight won the Best Housing Flight in AETC for the second year in a row. The flight opened and assigned new housing, received \$200,000 in dormitory furniture and saved servicemembers who live downtown more than \$100,000 in deposit fees through a rental partnership program. "It's very prestigious to win as a flight two years in a row," said Lt. Col. Joseph Lacatus, 14th CES commander. "They have always done great things with our housing, and now they've



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Grandon and Senior Airman Christopher Hill, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire fighters, perform a bunker drill in Rescue 5, an emergency vehicle.

been given the highest honor again." The environmental flight received an award for having the Best Natural Resources Conservation program. This is awarded for properly managing the environment. "We won because of the very dedicated environmental flight personnel and the outstanding work relationship with the base, local community, and federal and state agencies to ensure protection of our vital natural resources while maintaining 100-percent mission readiness," said Mike Smith, environmental flight chief. "I have highly capable professionals working for me, and they always do an outstanding job," Colonel Lacatus said.

Famous former Beatle helps NORAD track Santa this year

Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AFB, Colo. — A "Starr" in the east will help guide North American Aerospace Defense Command's Santa-tracking tradition Dec. 24. The Starr is none other than former Beatle, Ringo Starr, who will be NORAD'S honorary Santa tracker for Christmas 2003. "Santa and I are personal friends," Mr. Starr said from his home in England. "He's asked me to do this special job with this incredible new SantaCam, and I'll be tracking him as he comes over Great Britain." NORAD technicians upgraded the omni-

directional high-speed digital SantaCam stationed in Great Britain and have moved it from Stonehenge to a top-secret hideaway near Starr's home. "We took it offline for awhile and upgraded it, and gave it some new capabilities," said Maj. Doug Martin, NORAD Santa-tracking operations chief. "We then began to wonder who we could ask to operate it this year. "We discussed it with Santa, and his first idea was Ringo Starr," Major Martin said. "When we called Ringo, Santa had already phoned, and he said 'Yes' immediately. We were just thrilled." "Ringo recently received Santa-tracking

techniques from NORAD technicians and has become an expert in the use of the SantaCam," said Canadian Maj. Gen. Angus Watt, director of operations for NORAD. "We hope he'll capture images of Father Christmas somewhere in Great Britain this year." "He'll be looking all over Great Britain, Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England," Maj. Martin said. "We expect images to come in around 4 p.m. (MST) Christmas Eve. That's around 11 (p.m.) England time." "Children will see amazing things," Mr. Starr said. "I'm privileged to be one of the Santa trackers." NORAD's Santa-tracking mission will

also be featured on television during a special biography program about Santa on Dec. 18 on A&E Biography. Children worldwide can phone NORAD's operations center beginning at 7 a.m. MST on Christmas Eve at (719) 474-2111, or toll free outside the Colorado Springs area at (877) Hi-NORAD. Children can also visit the "NORAD Tracks Santa" Web site at www.noradsanta.org to view reports on Santa's progress and to see Starr's SantaCam images. As an added attraction this year, visitors to NORAD's Santa-tracking Web site will hear some of Starr's Christmas music, including "I Wanna Be Santa Claus."

Stay sharp, the “not-so-cold” war rages on

Maj. Cameron Holt
14th Contracting Squadron



As the various squadrons across the Air Force begin receiving their Aerospace Expeditionary Force 8 taskings, we will prepare our next round of deployers and families for the sacrifices that lay ahead for them as they take their place among the latest generation of America's defenders. The nightly news reports on daily "incidents" in Iraq and around the world have become almost routine as terrorist attacks and various forms of low-intensity conflict mark the visible signs of America's long-term global fight against terrorism and tyranny. It strikes me that we must never allow ourselves

even a moment of complacency about who our enemy is, who we are and why we are fighting. We face a uniquely cowardly and deceptive enemy who places no value on peace or human life but is unfortunately more than able to recruit people and obtain funding by convincing the weak-minded that killing innocent people and, if necessary, themselves somehow serves a higher purpose. Even so, these extremists represent a very small minority in any country they hide within or control through tyranny. The greatest threats to their existence then are freedom and democratic rule. They are abundantly aware that no nation's majority would ever freely elect our enemy's leaders. The young men and women whom we send into harm's way are our nation's finest. In stark contrast to our enemy, they have volunteered

their time and diverse talents to defend all our enemy despises: peace, human life, freedom and the inherent right of all nations to govern themselves. They do not wish to be hurt or killed in their cause for freedom, but they are willing to do so as we pursue victory. Their task is difficult, and the stakes are high. Their enemy bears no common description. The front lines are not lines anymore. Regardless of their specific role, they are all at risk. Their battlefield is literally global in scale. We owe our freedom to them. As with the Cold War, this present war may well be waged at different times and places for many years to come. We must always stay focused on completing and continuing victory. We must prove our patience and resolve as often as required. The events of Sept. 11 will be a constant reminder that we cannot fail. The freedom of our sons and daughters and of people around the world we will never meet hang in the balance.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Cardinal Inn Dining Facility hours

Question: I am a retiree who works on base. I have sometimes gone to the dining hall and it has been closed five to 10 minutes early. Even though the hours are clearly posted outside, the doors are locked. Is there a policy that they can close early if business is slow? **Answer:** The dining facility is not authorized to close early. The facility is subject to a strict inspection schedule including 26 unannounced quality assurance inspections per month, which include monitoring

hours of operations. Anyone who notices a deviation in hours of operation should contact the Food Services Quality Assurance Officer, Cynthia Golden, at Ext. 2820. We will keep a close eye on hours of operation as well. Thanks for highlighting this issue and let me know if it happens again. The hours of operation for the Cardinal Inn are from 6 to 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; and 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 5 to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays. *Col. Steve Schmidt*
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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Bogus base closure lists floating around communities

Lt. Col. Michael Martel
14th Flying Training Wing inspector general

Recent reports reveal that there is a lot of base closure information being circulated via the Internet, but at this point, it is bogus.

“No one is on a list, because there is no list yet,” said Pamela Warnken, Columbus AFB spokesperson. “There are a few ‘activist’ sites that have devised their own lists, some suggesting that small bases are particularly vulnerable. But these are nothing more than speculation.”

Since everyone on base is seen as a representative of the base, they are often approached by citizens with questions about possible base closures.

What is BRAC? BRAC stands for Base Realignment and Closure. It’s the process the Department of Defense has used since the early ‘90s to realign bases for more efficient support of modern-day forces.

The bottom line: BRAC is a tool designed to help the military attain the best military value for the taxpayers’ dollars.

The BRAC process is governed by law — the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. Each round begins with an assessment of the future national security environment.

“Terrorism and other threats, along with technological advances, are forcing change,” Ms. Warnken said. “Approaches that worked fine historically may not work today.”

After determining the future threats, BRAC facilitates a revised structure to meet those threats. It suggests a



1st. Lt. Joseph Coslett

T-38C Talons line up on the runway at Columbus AFB. The Base Realignment and Closure data call being launched soon will collect information such as how many planes there are on a base to how much runway is available.

“basing” plan to support the force structure.

The Secretary of Defense will publish his realignment and closure recommendations to an independent commission, to be appointed by the president with advice from Congressional leadership.

The BRAC commission will hold public meetings to ensure fairness and openness. This commission is the only group that has the authority to change the DOD recommendations.

The president will review and, following approval, will forward his recommendations to Congress. Congress has

45 legislative days to act on the BRAC commission report, but it’s “all-or-nothing.” After that, the commission’s realignment and closure recommendations become law.

The first step in BRAC is the data call, which has not occurred yet. Regardless, the entire process of collecting information; assessing the data, developing criteria, recommending closure (or realignment), commission hearings and sending the list to the President and Congress must be completed by 2005, according to the law.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Families face many difficult periods throughout their lifetimes, often during the holidays. Since joining the military in 1996, my family has had to overcome quite a few.

The winter after I joined the Air Force, my brother lost his fiancée to a drunk driver New Year’s Eve. It was very hard for me to comfort him or find the words to ease his pain while I was stationed overseas. I could only listen as he worked through the anger and loneliness.

During this time, my brother became a physical trainer with the help and guidance of his friend Gary Fate. Gary devoted every day to working out and training with my brother. They wrote each other’s diet and strength routines, researched and tested the latest supplements, all at professional grades. Gary taught him by example the discipline and values of high standards, the strengths and risks needed to succeed. He was there for my brother and helped him through the hard times I missed. Gary walked him through championships, personal achievements and became a part of our family.

I never really got to tell Gary how much his love and encouragement for my brother

helped make me a better person and sister.

I will never get the chance because Gary passed away Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Eve. While working out and laughing over old times with my brother, Gary had a swift aneurysm - a balloon that forms in a weak wall of an artery. Taking hard supplements can cause this.

My brother sent this message at 2 a.m. Thanksgiving: “Please send something to Kelly, Jordan, and MacKenzie Fate Charity Fund in loving memory of Gary Fate — husband and father, who passed away at the young age of 34. Please make check payable to: FSSA, 440 Obispo Ave, Orlando, FL 32807.”

My heart breaks knowing Gary’s wife and toddlers won’t just miss a holiday together - they’ll miss a lifetime.

Take courage in companionship of those near you even if they are not loved ones. Please be prepared. Think responsibly about your decisions. Consider consequences of hard supplements because they leave a lasting affect. Plan for your families, no matter the bond or distance.

*Staff Sgt. Michele Cetto
14th Mission Support Squadron*

From scrapyards to galleries

Dyncorp leadman welds fine art

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

As the saying goes, one man’s junk is another man’s treasure, and one Dyncorp leadman knows this as well as anyone.

When not running Columbus AFB’s welding and cleaning shop, Wayne White can be found hard at work in his other profession — taking seemingly ordinary objects and bits of metal and fashioning them into complex works of art.

Mr. White was assigned to Columbus AFB as a military servicemember from 1978 to 1980. He returned to the base as a civilian in 1988 and has been here ever since.

Mr. White began making sculptures as a youth, starting with creations made of wood, before ultimately finding his preferred medium - metal.

“I always saw myself as an artist, but I sold my work only at flea markets and yard sales when I was young,” Mr. White said. “One day, I walked into an art gallery with a few of my pieces and walked out with \$250. The rest, as they say, is history.”

A few miles over the Alabama border sits Mr. White’s self-built 3,000-foot home, his biggest piece of sculpture work yet, where he has lived for the past 15 years. Nearby on the 43-acre plot is his workshop, a small building filled with metalworking equipment and assorted metal odds and ends waiting to become art.

Mr. White finds the materials for his sculptures at junkyards, garage sales and flea markets. “Sometimes it is a piece of metal that I find, or an image that I see, that inspires a new piece,” Mr. White said. “Once my mind is

sparked by an idea, I have to sculpt it.”

Mr. White’s sculptures range from simple to stunningly intricate, tiny to massive. One 10-foot tall sculpture, *For the Love of a Woman*, was a work in progress for 10 years. Another of his pieces, *Amy*, a life-size sculpture of a mermaid, took more than 250 hours of labor to complete.

“I admire Wayne’s work,” said Carolyn Haney, Stonegate Gallery owner, who has clients in New York and Paris. “He is an innately talented artist working in a difficult medium with true creativity and craftsmanship.”

Mr. White currently has pieces on display in the Rosenzweig Art Center, Fish Alley Gallery, and the Stonegate Gallery in downtown Columbus.



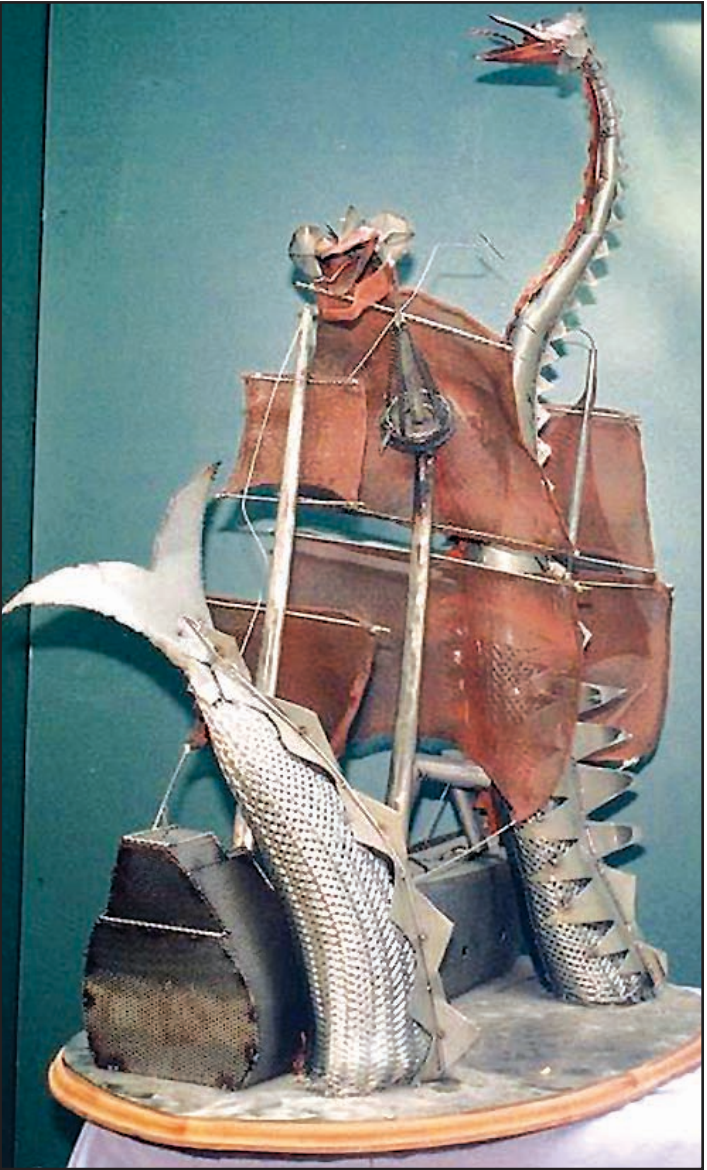
Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Wayne White, DynCorp leadman, welds the frame of a work in progress. The finished sculpture will be the second of a three part series of eagles.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Mr. White and Carolyn Haney, Stonegate Gallery owner, adjust the display of his first eagle sculpture.



Wayne White

This sculpture is one of several entitled *Sea Serpent Attack*.

Honor guard gives students glimpse into tradition

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

The audience grew silent as the assemblage of white gloves, crisp uniforms, polished shoes and somber faces simultaneously marched forward to retrieve the casket. With precision and poise, the airmen gravely laid to rest the simulated hero.

Columbus AFB honor guard members performed mock funerals for more than 30 East Mississippi Community College mortuary affairs students Nov. 18 at the youth center.

Once a semester, EMCC students alternate field trips to Columbus AFB and Meridian Naval Air Station to observe replicated military funerals.

“We bring our students out here because we would like for them to be as professional in their careers as military members are at tasking funerals,” said Don Webb, EMCC department of funeral science technology director.

When weather permits, the demonstrations are performed outdoors, but this year’s demonstration was relocated to the youth center gym because of rain, said Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, NCO in charge of honor guard.

The airmen performed both a retiree and an active-duty funeral, and spectators shifted in their seats to observe every sharp facing movement, hear every drill command and watch the skilled manipulation of the M-14 rifles.

“I’ve never seen a presentation like this before,” said Tamara Hubbard, EMCC student. “I was very impressed with the ceremony, and the atmosphere made me feel as though I was at a real funeral.”

Honor guardsmen not only demonstrated the carrying of the casket, the folding of the American flag and the playing of Taps, but also the 21-gun salute, a tradition started during the Civil War and still practiced today.

“This demonstration is important because it gives civilians a look into the military life,” said Senior Airman Daniel Johnson, 14th Operations Support Squadron. “If the students are young enough, it

might even persuade them to join the Air Force once they see the honor it bestows on those who have passed.”

Sergeant Edwards feels that it is beneficial for the EMCC students to understand the military funeral ceremony.

“It’s important for the students to see how much pride, tradition and honor are in these funerals, so that as mortuary directors, they know what to expect of a proper veteran, active duty and retiree funeral,” Sergeant Edwards said. “Hopefully the students realize that our military members before us are our brothers in arms, and we send them off fittingly.”



Photos by Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Airman 1st Class John Glass, honor guardsman, plays taps during the simulated retiree funeral.



Top: Second Lt. Richard Carter, honor guard officer in charge, receives the flag from Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, honor guard NCO in charge, to present to the “family.” Left: Senior Airman Lawrence Pitts, Airman 1st Class Colt Roberts, Airman Sherri Tucker, Airman 1st Class Nicole Paille, Senior Airman Daniel Johnson and Airman 1st Class Amber Ashy march past Lieutenant Carter to retrieve the casket during one of the mock funerals in the youth center gym.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Friday

“The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” (R, strong bloody violence/gore, language and drug content, 100 min.)

Starring: Jessica Biel and Jonathan Tucker.

Saturday

“Kill Bill” (R, strong bloody violence, language and some sexual content, 111 min.)

Starring: Uma Thurman and David Carradine.

Dec. 12

“Scary Movie 3” (PG-13, pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, drug references, 90 min.)

Starring: Anne Ferlis and Charlie Sheen.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call public affairs for more information at Ext. 7068.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Dec. 12

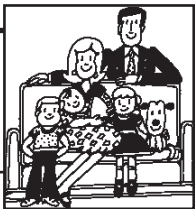
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program Tapes:

Social Science

FAMILY SUPPORT



Computer programs: Self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw are available at the family support center. For more information, call Ext. 2839.

Bundles of joy: Active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child 6 months or younger are invited to the bundles of joy program from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center.

Finances, labor and delivery, and infant care are briefed.

An Air Force Aid Society program provides a gift package. For more information or to register, call Ext. 2855.

Coping: A seminar for coping with difficult people is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center.

The class helps people to learn how to turn bad situations to their advantage with ideas on how to communicate effectively on the job by identifying difficult people.

People need to register by Tuesday to attend. For more information or to register, call Ext. 2790 or Ext. 2631.

BASE NOTES



Chapel events: The base chapel sponsors a variety of activities this holiday season.

Catholic events include Advent Vespers and a buffet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, a children’s Christmas pageant, Mass and a social at 8 p.m. Dec. 24, Christmas day Mass at 10 a.m. Dec. 25 and New Year’s Eve Mass at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Protestant events include an adult choir Christmas program at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, a children’s Christmas program at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 14, caroling in base housing at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 and a candlelit service with communion at 5 p.m. Dec. 24.

Jewish events include Shabbat at Temple B’Nai Israel at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 and Hanukkah from Dec. 20 to Dec. 27.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Home sweet home

Mark Nickoles, Lukar and Sons Construction, tears down a door frame in Capitol Village housing. Residents are asked to stay away from construction sites and not park in driveways of houses scheduled to be demolished. Large trucks will be operating there daily. For more information, call Ext. 2840.

For more information, call Ext. 2500.

Happy Wrap: The Happy Christmas Fund annual Happy Wrap needs volunteers to help wrap and transport from the exchange and to downtown Wednesday.

For more information or to volunteer, call 434-5165.

Education center: The education center has new testing times for College Level Examination Programs at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and at 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays.

The education center is no longer be able to CLEP the following subjects: college mathematics, English composition, natural science, history of the United States I and II, principles of accounting and Spanish.

For more information about CLEPs, call Ext. 2563.

Tax program: Volunteers are needed to assist in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center in January.

The legal office provides volunteers with all the tax and computer training needed to work.

The tax center saved people more than \$100,000 in tax preparation fees last year.

Training begins Dec. 15 and lasts until Dec. 19. To volunteer, call Ext. 7030.

Thrift shop: The thrift shop’s new hours are 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Consignments are accepted one hour before closing.

The thrift shop is closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4. It reopens Jan. 6. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

LEAD: The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program deadline is Jan. 31, 2004. The program delegates commanders the authority to nominate exceptional airmen with less than six years of service for an appointment to the Air Force Academy.

The Academy has 50 slots for the Academy Prep School. To learn more about how to put a package together, call Ext. 2563.

Scout information: The Girl Scouts’ mother-daughter sleepover is today at the youth center. The Girl Scouts will travel around base caroling and passing out fruit baskets to families Dec. 15. For more information, call Latoya Marble at Ext. 2504.

The Boy Scouts Troop Court of Honor takes place at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the family support center. Scouts need to arrive at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Greg Johnson at 343-5362.

Services offers variety of activities, events

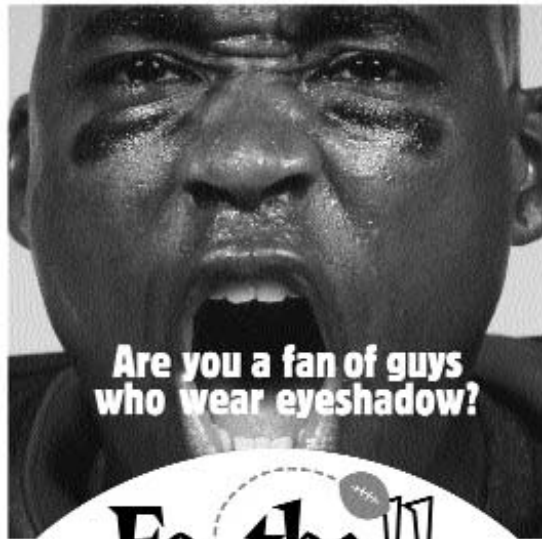
Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Customers may still order off the a la carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

Play NTN games: The enlisted lounge now offers free NTN games for members and \$2 for two hours for non-members. A disc jockey will provide the entertainment starting at 9 p.m. Call Ext. 2489.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers a brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

Football Frenzy: Enter to win in the club's Football Frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the enlisted lounge.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult classes each month. Participants must register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are on hand.



Football Frenzy
The club is in a Football Frenzy, stop by and enter to win a pro game trip!
Houston at Tampa Bay ■ Super Bowl ■ Pro Bowl

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Enlisted Lounge Open Mondays from 6-10 p.m.
No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Youth classes are offered at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. on the day of the classes. Upcoming classes include making a gift for mom Wednesday for \$5 and making a choice of two ornaments Dec. 17 for \$4. Adult classes include making a beaded Christmas safety pin Tuesday or crochet thread angel ornaments Dec. 16. Cost for the December classes are \$5 each. Call Ext. 7836.

Volunteers needed: The youth center needs 20 volunteer Santa helpers to serve food and usher guests during the annual breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 13. Volunteers will need to arrive at the youth center by 7:30 a.m. Call Ext. 2504.

Silver Star casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Dec. 19. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coin. Call Ext. 7861 for reservations.

Ski the Smoky Mountains: Register by January 9 at the ITT office for this trip Jan. 17 to Jan. 19 to Gatlinburg, Tenn. Cost is \$199 and includes transportation, two night's lodging, lift tickets and rentals. If you do not require rentals, cost is \$170 per person or for those nonskiers cost is \$125. A deposit of \$50 is required upon registering. Call Ext. 7861.

Mardi Gras trip: The ITT office offers this trip to New Orleans Feb. 14 to Feb. 16. Cost is \$165 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging at the

Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.

Youth instructional classes: The youth center offers the following instructional classes: karate, voice lessons, tumbling tots, guitar lessons, tennis lessons, dance and sign language. Call Ext. 2504.

Free Squadron Bowling Parties: The bowling center offers two free hours of bowling for an official squadron function anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shoe rental is 75 cents per person, if needed. There is no limit as to how many times a squadron takes advantage of this free offer but it must be reserved in advance with the bowling center staff. Call Ext. 2426.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo anytime the bowling center is open. Cash prizes. Cards are \$1 each.

Birthday Parties: The Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure on what is offered with each package. Call Ext. 2426.

The "Happy" Burger: Stop by the Columbus Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and take advantage of the best lunch deal on the base. Order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for only \$3.95 for members. Nonmembers pay \$5.95. An a la carte menu is also available along with a take-out service.



Pam Wickham

Pick your discount

Nicole Whorton, pro shop recreation aide, decorates the Whispering Pines Golf Course pro shop's holiday tree with discounts ranging from 5- to 50-percent. Customers select their merchandise and then select an envelope from the holiday tree to see the discount they receive on their purchase. Call Ext. 7932.

Scout trees: Boy Scout Troop 3 is selling Christmas trees in the Kroger parking lot on Highway 45 North. The hours are from 4 to 9 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Trees of Christmas: The Columbus Public Library displays "Trees of Christmas" until Dec. 31. The handmade decorations represent literary and musical themes. Exhibits from elementary students, private collections, and garden and community clubs depicting the holiday season are on display.

The displays are free to the public. The library is located at 314 7th Street North. For more information, call 329-5300.

Singing tree: The singing Christmas tree with 100 voices along with a com-

munity orchestra and 6,400 twinkling lights is at 7 p.m. today, 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The 30-foot "living" Christmas tree is at First United Methodist Church on Main Street and is free to the public. For more information, call 328-5252.

Arts and crafts show: The Indoor Holiday Arts and Crafts show is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Lake Lowndes State Park. For more information, call 328-2110.

Boat parade: The 20th Annual Christmas on the Tenn-Tom Waterway is at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Columbus Lake. The lighted boat parade is at the Stennis Lock and Dam East bank by Johnny's Restaurant. To get there, go from base on Highway 45 toward town, take a right at the Shell station and the road deadends at parade site.

The event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Golden Triangle Boat Owners Association.

Christmas shoes: A play by Wesley United Methodist Church, "Christmas Shoes," is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Christian life center. Admission for the hour-long show is free. For more information, call 328-8644.

Christmas festival: The Columbus Christmas Festival is open and free to the public Dec. 14.

The event features three-fully staged outdoor drama scenes, two outdoor musical programs each night, a hospitality station. There will also be free gift wrapping and a toy store for needy families. The event is at First Baptist Church of Columbus at 202 7th Street North.

For more information , call 328-3915.

Kids extravaganza: The Christmas Kids Extravaganza starring young Columbus artists is at 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University of Women's campus. Admission is \$5 per person, and children under 12 years old are free. For more information about the extravaganza, call 328-2787.

Children's theatre: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is performed by the Columbus Players, a children's theatre. Performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 20 in the Rent Auditorium at the Mississippi University for Women's campus. Tickets are \$5 for children under 12 and \$10 for adults.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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CES 2 silences OSS 1 screaming eagles, 16-7

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 2 sealed its 16-7 victory over the undefeated 14th Operations Support Squadron Team 1 when their quarterback threw a 40-yard hail mary touchdown pass in an intramural flag-football game Monday at Field 1.

“I knew going into the game that it was going to be a competitive one, so winning it just felt that much more gratifying,” said Eric Gillespie, CES 2. “It was a regular season game, but it felt like a championship.”

During the initial possession of the ball, CES 2 quarterback Brandon Johnson threw the first touchdown pass of the game to James Pennington.

Feeling confident, CES 2 attempted a 2-point conversion, and its completion brought the score to 8-0.

CES 2’s defense sacked OSS quarterback Brandon Holda in the end zone, resulting in a safety and giving the engineers a 10-0 lead.

Determined, OSS’s defense retaliated and Al Miller made an interception, running 30-yards before CES 2 could stop his charge.

OSS’s possession of the ball didn’t last long, when CES 2 countered with an interception of its own, made by Sam Fain.

In spite of multiple turnovers, the score remained stagnant for the remainder of the first half.

After gathering their heads during the five-minute halftime, both teams returned to the game rejuvenated.

OSS finally scored a touchdown when Holda completed a pass to Devlon Harrison.

Miller then scored an extra point, bringing the game to a close 10-7.

The OSS continued with an even stronger defense, sacking Johnson twice and forcing CES 2 to punt. CES’s short punt made OSS’s job easier, and it looked like a comeback was on the way.

But OSS shortly found themselves third and goal, even after the advantage given to them. The team missed its final chance for victory when Harrison fell only inches short of the end zone on fourth down, and the ball was turned over.

CES 2 was unable to gain any yardage after three incomplete passes. Darryl Bolton then broke through the OSS defense and charged down field to score an

unexpected touchdown, ending the game 16-7.

“The tension was high and tempers flared a bit, but overall, it was a good game,” said Dylan Hearn, OSS 1. “CES 2 played well.”

Flag football standings		
The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.		
Teams	Wins	Losses
14th OSS	10	2
Tweets	9	2
14th CES #1	7	2
14th CES #2	8	2
48th FTS	7	4
14th CONS	5	3
14th SFS	6	5
14th CS	5	13
14th MDG	3	9
14th MSS	0	18

SHORTS

Indoor soccer registration

Indoor soccer registration begins Saturday and lasts until Dec. 15. Cost is \$25 for players. Participants must have a current physi-

cal on file or obtain one prior to the start of the season. A late charge of \$10 will be assessed if people register after Dec. 15. Volunteer instructors are needed. Call Ext. 2503.

Spin class

Spin classes are at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness and sports center.

The class is a one-hour self-paced training session of sprinting, resistance climbing and jogging all on a stationary bike. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Cosmic no-tap bowling

Cosmic no-tap bowling with a spin is Dec. 19 at the bowling center. Sign up by 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required.

Nine-pin no-tap

A nine-pin no-tap tournament is scheduled every Friday except when cosmic no-tap is happening. It starts at 7 p.m. at the bowling center. Sign up by 6:30 p.m. The center will pay for one place for every four entries and there will be both a men’s and women’s division. Entry is \$10 per person. For more information, call Jennie Hodges at 434-6723.

Holiday fun run/walk

A 1.5-mile walk or a three-mile run is at 11 a.m. Dec. 19 at the fitness center. There will also be various door prizes given away. Contestants of all ages are welcome. Call Ext. 2772

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. For more information, call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center.

There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class. The center shows people how to find their target heart rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. For more information, Call Ext. 2772.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday. A computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus green fees for nonmembers.



Marie Pallatt

New Turkey Day tradition

Patrick Callahan and his dad 1st Lt. Sean Callahan, 48th Flying Training Squadron, listen to the plan for the next play in a touch football Thanksgiving Day football game. Five families played in the first Capitol Village Turkey Day game.